Subhash Chandra Bose into a Memorial Museum of National standard with the partial assistance of Central Government.

Monuments damaged in earthquake in Gujarat

453. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments damaged in the recent earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) the number of monuments totally damaged and the number of monuments partially damaged;

(c) whether help from any institution or organisation sought for reconstruction of those monuments; and

(d) if so, which are those institutions/organisations and what kind of assistance, the ASI is going to get from them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Out of the monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat, sixty eight monuments have been damaged partially whereas two have been totally damaged in the earthquake occurred in January, 2001.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Steps taken to improve Tourism

454. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry during the last two years to improve tourism in the country;

(b) whether any proposal from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, to adopt open sky policy to attract tourists all over the world is pending before the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of such policy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The marketing effort made by the Ministry is an on going process and various steps have been taken by the Ministry of Tourism. This include improvement in the infrastructure through Centreally Sponsored projects/schemes in the various States of the country, increased marketing efforts in the tourist generating countries overseas, use of internet as means for dissemination of information, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) While the request for Open Sky Policy has been received, it may be stated that the traffic rights with respect of Civil Aviation is governed by the principle of reciprocity and bilateral agreements which is an internationally accepted practice followed the world over.

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455. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings have been held of the working/Executive/Committee of 2600th Bhagwan Mahavira Janma Kalyanak Mahotsav since 6th April, 2001;

(b) how many proposals have been received for financial assistance out of Rs. 100/- crores to be spent on celebrations;

(c) the details of the Institutions and nature of Development Project of each of them in relation to (b);

(d) whether to keep only Rs. 1 crore for celebrations during the year and the proposal to divert Rs. 99/- crores for earthquake affected areas of Gujarat was considered by the Committee;

(e) if so, what is the outcome; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?